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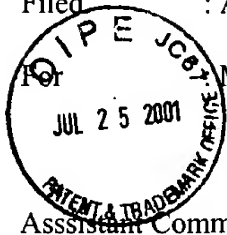
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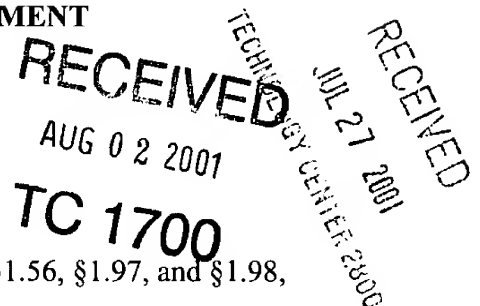
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MULTI COLOR RECORDING

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 4-292985 to RICOH LTD., published October 16, 1992,
along with a full English language translation;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 57-150600, published September 17, 1982, along with an
English language abstract thereof;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 9-76634 to OJI SEISHI KABUSHIKI KAISHA,
published March 25, 1997, along with a full English language translation;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 8-282115 to MISTUBISHI PAPER MILLS LIMITED,
published October 29, 1996, along with a full English language translation;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 8-224962 to RICOH LTD., published September 3,
1996, along with a full English language translation;

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Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-51422, published February 25, 1994, along with an English language abstract thereof;

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Japanese Patent Publication No. 58-82785 to KUREHA CHEMICAL IND. CO. LTD., published May 18, 1983, along with an English language abstract thereof;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 58-33492 to KUREHA KAGAKU KOGYO KK, published February 26, 1983, along with an English language abstract thereof;

U.S. Patent No. 4,444,833, to MORIGUCHI et al., issued April 24, 1984, which is a U.S. counterpart to the above noted Japanese Patent Publication No. 57-150600;

U.S. Patent No. 5,501,946, to TAKAGI et al., issued March 26, 1996, which is a U.S. counterpart to the above noted Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-51422;

U.S. Patent No. 6,106,173, to SUZUKI et al., issued August 22, 2000

U.S. Patent No. 6,109,800, to SUZUKI et al., issued August 29, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,139,914, to SUZUKI et al., issued October 31, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,161,971, to SUZUKI et al., issued December 19, 2000; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,259,464, to SUZUKI et al., issued July 10, 2001.

Copies of the U.S. patents and the Japanese documents, along with the English language translations and abstracts as described above, are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. Further, each of the above-mentioned documents is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each listed document and to indicate

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such consideration by appropriately initialing and signing the enclosed PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the signed and initialed form with the next communication. Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending, commonly assigned U.S. Patent applications:

09/122,087, in the name of M. SUZUKI et al., entitled "IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM", filed July 24, 1998;

09/141,526, in the name of M. SUZUKI, entitled "IMAGE-FORMING SUBSTRATE", filed August 27, 1998;

09/730,571, in the name of M. SUZUKI, entitled "IMAGE-FORMING MEDIUM COATED WITH MICROCAPSULE LAYER FOR FORMING IMAGE", filed December 7, 2000;

09/730,572, in the name of Y. KUBOTA et al., entitled "INK COMPOSITION FOR THERMAL INK JET PRINTER OR THERMAL INK PERMEATION PRINTER, filed December 7, 2000;

09/730,599, in the name of Y. KUBOTA et al., entitled "HEAT SENSITIVE MICROCAPSULE AND RECORDING MEDIUM USING SAME", filed December 7, 2000; and

09/840,102, in the name of M. SUZUKI et al., entitled "MULTI-COLOR IMAGE-FORMING MEDIUM", filed April 24, 2001.

A copy of each application is provided herewith in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii).

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to obtain and review the above listed co-pending applications and the prior art of record, if any, cited therein.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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